



## BORIS THE SPIDER A Journal of Duplicious Beings, Raw Power, and Naked Breed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive!"  
--Sir Walter Scott--



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### SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM BORIS & MS NAR!

This being a perfect opportunity, both Boris & Ms Nar and their alter egos, Paul & Meg wish you and yours a Happy Hannukah, a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. And for your present, we'll give you an extra week to mull over your orders.

Boris has a lot of "use or lose" leave to burn up this holiday season and has several projects in mind for his planned three weeks off, several of which concern the 'zine. Included are transcript updates for "Boris IV-VI", reviews of the House Rules for 1830, 1835, STELLAR CONQUEST, KREMLIN, DUNE, and BOURSE, finalizing House Rules for GM DIP and COSMIC STELLAR CONQUEST, producing disk-based versions of the game maps, finishing my KREMLIN adjudicator program, compiling a German-English dictionary for 1835-B, and a "Hall of Fame" feature for Boris #25 listing all our winners and the leaders in Press Excellence and Super-Sudsies. That and finish NIGHT & MAGIC II, clean the "Futility" Room, fix the fence, and get a few ftf games in, and watch the Cotton Bowl.

Yeah, right. I'll see the Bowl, get the gaming in, some progress in N&M II, and parts of the dictionary done. After that, good luck.

Hank Burkhalter has resigned as Atreides in our DUNE game. If you are interested, contact me soonest so we don't slow the game.

"1835-A" will almost certainly end next time. "Greed is Good" made it into SR 9, so will finish in about four months. "16 Tons" could end next month with a bankruptcy, although I doubt it. "Boris VII" starts next time. We'll be replacing "A" with a new 1830 game; we have five signed up so hurry for that sixth slot.

### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Don't get drunk unless you're willing to pay for it  
--Capt Montgomery Scott

Don Chinnery wants to GM some games of 1830 and 1835. If interested, contact him soonest at his Asheville address or via his Cincinnati maildrop if you daily

Lee Kendter, Jr. is closing down his Get Them Dots Now! A pity in that it's the most punctual gaming 'zine I get. Lee has signed on here, so soon y'all will get to cross pens with him.

Rules for QUANTUM MECHANICAL DIP are on page 8. Enjoy

NEWS RELEASE: Contrary to popular belief, The Rookie, Rob Racicot (Austria, "Boris VIII"), is not a graduate of the Wormtongue school of backstabbing. In fact, Wormtongue and I have a remote acquaintance through work. I do know enough about him though, that if we were in the same game, I would personally see to it that his armies were crushed and the women and children enslaved for all eternity.

### BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes to Rob Racicot for his news release (above).

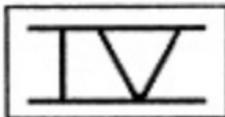
No Ms Nar Super-Sudsie Bomb will be awarded this time. You guys must be improving.

DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS NOON (CST) 8 JAN 94



## WORMTONGUE WARNS, WEST WARNS

Fall 1910



CLIFFHOMER--Italy continues to scavenge English centers while Wormtongue prepares to rip out his living heart, ROM--or could this dense macabre ensnare BRE and SPA be an elaborate mechanism for converting useless English fleets into marauding English armies? The question for Wormtongue, of course, is where to find those last four centers. ROM and NAP certainly, but these can be difficult acquisitions if protected by fleets to the west. STP and Scandinavia can be forever barred by just three English units. TUN is unreachable without sea support. BER and MUN are staunchly protected by the Kaiser. MAR might be taken, but probably can't be held. Meanwhile WAR looks a bit shaky.

### TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS (Frything): [A War S A Gal-SII], [A Mos S A War], A Smy H, [F Aeg-Ion], A Gre H, A Tri-Ven, A Tri S A Tri-Ven, [A Gal-SII], [A Boh S A Gal-SII], A Pie S A Tri-Ven, [A Bud-Gal], A Apu S A Tri-Ven;  
 ENG (Shacklett): F Eng S F Iri-Mid, [F Gas-Spa(nc)], F Iri-Mid, F NAT S F Iri-Mid, F Bot S F STP(sc), F STP(sc) S F Bot, [A Lvn-Mos], [A Pru-War];  
 GER (J. Fisher): [A Ber-SII], [A SII-War], [A Hun-Boh], [A Bur-Mun], A Hol-Bel;  
 ITA (Klausutis): [F Adr-Ven], F Tyn-Nap, [F Tun-Ion], [F Wes-Mid], F Mid-Bre, F Por S F Wes-Mid, [A Har-Spa], A Rom S F Adr-Ven.

Orders in brackets fall, d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat, nso = unit not so ordered, oob = off the board, atm = unit on the move, r-?? unit must retreat, u = unordered.

### SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Vie, Ser, Rum, Bul, Con, Sev, War, Ank, Mos, Smy, Tri, Ven,	
+Gre	(14) Build 2
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, Swe, Den, STP, -Bre	(7) Tear 1
GER: Ber, Kie, Hol, Par, Hun, +Bel	(6) Build 1
ITA: Nap, Rom, Tun, Mar, -Gre, Spa, Por, -Bel, +Bre	(7) Tear 1

Due next time are orders for Winter 1910/11 and Spring 1911.

### EMBASSY BEAT

Berlin: Foreign Minister Fischer officially announced that he is willing to plan and negotiate with the rulers of England and Italy. Yes, he wants to talk about the Austria plague...stressing the word TALK...meaning interactive communication...anyone getting the hint?

### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

Las Vegas Tout--Bookmakers are rating as "sure things" a German build of A KIE and Austrian builds of A VIE and F TRI. They are taking bets on which Italian unit is to be disbanded. Here is today's posted line: F ADR 130-1, F BRE 3-1, A MAR 25-1, F NAP 195-1, F POR 6-1, A ROM 300-1, F TUN 75-1, F WES 5-4

### CLASSIFIEDS

Watch the knife, not the hand...the hand will change.

--BORIS VI (continued from next page)

To England: An observation from an Admirer

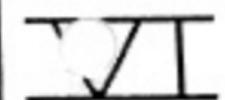
"Here's to the health of the mysterious Czar  
 I hope he'll send us help from afar  
 To end the work begun by MAR"

(James Hogg, "The Jacobite Relics of Scotland", 1813)



## GERMANY OUT! HOW LONG ITALY?

Winter 1904/05



**WALL STREET JOURNAL**--The market had anticipated Germany's defeat, so her surrender caused no major stir. Some analysts think it might be good news in that it could hasten the impending collision of the giants. France needs to make quick work of the Italian remnants and to develop a clear defensive strategy with England against the Eastern colossi.

### TROOP MOVEMENTS

France retreated A MAR to BUR; Germany retreated A MUN & A TRI; Italy retreated A SPA to POR. Austria builds A BUD & F TRI; Germany tears A BOH & F HEL; Italy tears A TUN & F WES; Russia builds A MOS, F SEY, & F STP(incl); and Turkey tears F EAS.

AUS (Vandine): A TRI, A ROM, A VEN, A VIE, F ION, F NAP, A BUD, F TRI;

ENG (McHugh): A HOL, F KIE, F BEL, F NRG, F SKA, F IRI;

FRA (Rezzarday): A BUR, A GAS, A MUN, F SPA(sc);

ITA (Cameron): A POR, F LYO, F MAR;

RUS (Egtvedt): A ANK, A BER, A SIL, A DEN, A WAR, F SMY, F BEL, F NWY, A MOS, F SEV, F STP(incl);

### SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud TRI Gre Ser Rum Bul Nap Rom Ven Vie	(10)
ENG: EDI Lon LPI Bel HOL KIE	(6)
FRA: BRE PAR SPA MUN	(4)
ITA: TUN MAR POR	(3)
RUS: MOS SEV STP WAR SWE NWY CON SMY ANK BER DEN	(11)

Due next time are orders for Spring 1905.

### EMBASSY BEAT

**AUSTRIA-GERMANY**: Alas, how the mighty have fallen--your proud armies forced into banditry to survive. My condolences.

**AUSTRIA-FRANCE**: Well, now what?

Eng-Aus: Wake up and smell the Vodka!

Eng-Rus: You will pay for your treachery!

Eng-Ms Nor: You just don't appreciate truly fine journalism!

### BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

**VATICAN VIEW**--The Hapsburg Emperor today participated in the Christmas celebrations in the Vatican. After the dual thanksgiving ceremony (for the liberation of Italy from the erstwhile Neapolitan upstart, and for the final elimination of the Moslems), the Emperor returned the Papal States to the Pontiff, personally crowning him "King of the Papal States." Various other honors were given by the Emperor, to include crowning Mary Sobieski-Stuart as "Queen of the Kingdom of Sardinia and Sicily" thus restoring her ancient line to at least a portion of its lost power. Her descent from Henrietta, Duchess of Orleans also occasioned some favorable comment from the French contingent present, though the British maintained an aloof silence throughout the proceedings.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**AUSTRIA-RUSSIA**: I see that the German traffic control people managed to get you turned around last season. What I wonder, will the next bring us?

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# GREED IS GOOD

## 08s 0.2 & 0.3!

### Last SR Next

ERRATA: NYNH&H couldn't include E19 in its run last time so its dividend is reduced \$40. Player totals adjusted accordingly.

#### PLAYER STATUS: (\* indicates at certificate limit of 11)

Zleske	\$1459, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 6 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP, 1 C&O*, Priority
Harrison	\$453, 1 PA, 3 CP(VP), 6 Erie(Prez), 2 C&O*
Tsak	\$975, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez), 1 NYC *
Kuntz	\$183, 6 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)
Puffenberger (G&D)	\$334, 4 B&O(VP), 6 B&M(Prez), 2 NYNH&H(VP)*
Chinnery (TRC)	\$1290, 5 B&O(Prez), 2 NYC(VP), 4 Erie(VP), 1 NYNH&H *

#### CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A300	0	0	n/a	\$120	5	0
NYNH&H	C111	0	0	n/a	\$60	0	0
B&M	D110a	3	0	n/a	\$0	0	0
NYC	D110b	1	0	n/a	\$50	5	2
CP	A100	0	0	n/a	\$200	6	2
Erie	B90	0	0	n/a	\$205	56	2
PA	F67	1	1	\$76	\$164	6	3
C&O	E67	0	1	\$52	\$60	0	2

#### OPERATING ROUND 0.2:

B&O: Lay Tile #9 in 19(sw). Run H18N-H15-H10-H4-F2 (\$250). Pay dividend (TRC +\$125, G&D +\$100, PZ +\$25) so price soars to A325.

NYNH&H: Lay Tile #9 in C11(sw). Run G19S-G17-G19N-F20-F22-B16-A11 (\$260). Pay dividends (MT +\$168, G&D +\$66, PZ +\$26, TRC +\$26); price leaps to C111.

B&M: Lay Tile #7 in D8(ne). Run H18N-G19S-G17-E23-F24-F22-F20-G19N (\$360). Pay dividends (G&D +\$216, B&M +\$108, PZ +\$36); price rebounds to D120.

NYC: Lay Tile 39 in H17(w). Run H15-H18N-G19S-G17-G19N (\$260). Pay dividends (PZ +\$168, TRC +\$56, NYC +\$26, MT +\$26); price rises to D120b.

CP: Lay Tile #7 in D8(ne) (\$200-120 = \$80). Run G19S-G17-G19N-F20-F22-E23 (\$170). Pay dividends (MT +\$162, WHM +\$81, PZ +\$27); price goes to A112.

ERIE: Lay Tile #23 in D16(e). Run E11-D10 (\$100) & E11-D14 (\$70). Pay dividends (WHM +\$102, TRC +\$68), so price returns to B100.

PA: Lay Tile #8 in F12(e). Run F2-H4-H10-H12-J14-H15 (\$240). Pay dividends (GK +\$144, PA +\$24, WHM +\$24, PZ +\$24); price rebounds to F71.

C&O: Lay Tile #9 in F14(sw). Run K13-J14-H10-G7-F6-H4-F2 (\$260). Withholds, so price tumbles to E62.

#### OPERATING ROUND 0.3:

B&O: Lay Tile #8 in J8(w). Run H18N-H15-H10-H4-F2 (\$250). Pay dividend (TRC +\$125, G&D +\$100, PZ +\$25) so price maxes out at A350.

NYNH&H: Lay Tile #27 in E17(sw). Run G19S-G17-G19N-F20-F22-E19-B16-A11 (\$320). Pay dividends (MT +\$192, G&D +\$64, PZ +\$32, TRC +\$32); price leaps to C125.

B&M: Lay Tile #9 in C9(ne). Run H18N-G19S-G17-E23-F24-F22-F20-G19N (\$360). Pay dividends (G&D +\$216, B&M +\$108, PZ +\$36); price moves to D130.

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# 16 TONS

## N&W Has New Prez!!

### SR Halted!

**ERRATA:** Don's third share of NYNH&H escaped again last time. C&O should've received \$74 in dividends, not \$68. PZ's dividend from B&M should've been \$120 not \$160. We didn't credit some folks for dividends in OR 5.1.

**PLAYER STATUS:** (\*) indicates at certificate limit of 13)

Rick Egtvedt: \$348, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 3 N&W(VP), 1 NYC  
Mark Frueh: \$570, 6 C&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 1 B&O, 5 Reading(Prez), 1 PA, 1 N&W  
Paul Zieske: \$325, 1 B&O, 6 B&M(Prez), 5 Erie(Prez) <Priority>  
Mike Paffenberger: \$386, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez)  
Michael Tsuk: \$295, 5 PA(Prez), 5 N&W(Prez)  
Don Chinnery: \$204, 3 NYNH&H(VP), 1 C&O, 6 CP(Prez)

**CORPORATION STATUS:** (\*) indicates has paid Coalfields fee)

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
NYNH&H	B126	0	0	n/a	\$140	0	0
B&M	C100	0	4	\$100	\$105	7	0
C&O	E90	2	1	\$52	\$88	5	1,*
Reading	B90	1	4	\$100	\$129	5	1
NYC	D76a	2	1	\$100	\$83	6	2
Erie	D76b	3	2	\$100	\$413	5	2
CP	D76c	3	1	\$100	\$388	6	3
B&O	G70	3	0	n/a	\$102	6	0
PA	H68	3	0	n/a	\$496	--	1
N&W	F67	1	0	n/a	\$259	--	1,*

#### STOCK ROUND 6:

Zieske buys 1 C&O from ID (\$365-82 = \$243).

Paffenberger buys and sells 1 C&O (\$342-90+90 = \$342), C&O drops to F80.

Tsuk sells 4 N&W and buys 1 PA (\$295+268-68 = \$495), RTE becomes President of N&W. Price drops to J50 and, being "in the yellow", no longer counts against certificate limits.

We'll pause here to allow everyone to evaluate the situation vis-a-vis a possible bankruptcy in OR 6.1. Due next time are orders for the rest of SR 6 and for OR 6.1. Chinnery has the Priority Card.

**PLAYER STATUS:** (\*) indicates at certificate limit of 13)

Rick Egtvedt: \$348, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 PA, 3 N&W(VP), 1 NYC  
Mark Frueh: \$570, 6 C&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 1 B&O, 5 Reading(Prez), 1 PA, 1 N&W  
Paul Zieske: \$243, 1 B&O, 6 B&M(Prez), 5 Erie(Prez), 1 C&O  
Mike Paffenberger: \$386, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 NYC(Prez)  
Michael Tsuk: \$495, 6 PA(Prez), 1 N&W  
Don Chinnery: \$173, 3 NYNH&H(VP), 1 C&O, 6 CP(Prez) <Priority>

**CORPORATION STATUS:** (\*) indicates has paid Coalfields fee)

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
NYNH&H	B126	0	0	n/a	\$140	0	0
B&M	C100	0	4	\$100	\$105	7	0
Reading	B90	1	4	\$100	\$129	5	1
C&O	F80	2	0	n/a	\$88	5	1,*
NYC	D76a	2	1	\$100	\$83	6	2
Erie	D76b	3	2	\$100	\$413	5	2
CP	D76c	3	1	\$100	\$388	6	3
B&O	G70	3	0	n/a	\$102	6	0
PA	H68	3	0	n/a	\$496	--	1
N&W	J50	5	0	n/a	\$259	--	1,*

**TRAINS AVAILABLE:** 67000000 The Bank has \$15,945.



1835

BB 10.2 Only!!

Railroads Bring It All!



**Errata:** Prices for SK, PR, & BA didn't get adjusted in the Corporation Status. The OL token was omitted from the map. F14 has space for another token. DBC has 1764M.

**Player Status:** (\* denotes at certificate limit)

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 2997M, 10 BA(Dir), 2 WT, 1C HE(Dir) \*

Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 426M, 5 BY(Dir), 7 WT(Dir), 3 PR \*

Don Chinnery (DBC): 1544M, 10 SK(Dir), 1 WT, 1C MS(Dir) \* *<Der Zug>*

John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 447M, 5 BY, 7 PR(Dir), 6 OL(Dir) \*

**Corporation Status:**

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Cash	Trains	Tokens
SK	C211	0	0	1	5,5+	0
PR	C190	0	0	570	6,6+	0
BA	C170	0	0	0	45	0
BY	A166	0	0	142	4,6+	2
HE	C100	0	0	0	6+	0
WT	C92	0	0	70	6+	1
MS	E86	0	0	23	6	0
OL	E72	0	4	0	4+	1

**Operating Round 18-2:**

SK: Lays Tile #27 in F16(e). Run H16-H20-E19-C11-A11 (220M) & E19-B16-B14-B12-C11-F6-G5-H4-H2-13 (300M). Pay dividend (DBC +\$520); price soars to C236.

PR: Lays Tile #12 in D8(nw). Run C11-B12-B14-B16-E19-E21-H20-I17-L14-J8-H2 (360M) & G5-G3-H2-13-J6-J8 (280M). Pay dividends (Vdz +448, RTE +192); price goes to C212.

BA: Lays Tile #8 in G7(ne). Run I3-J6-J8-L14-015 (220M) & I3-H2-G3-G5 (180M). Pay dividend (CCH +400M); price moves to C190.

BY: Lays Tile #7 in L12(ne). Lay token in J6 (142M-140 = 2M). Run 015-L14-I17-H16 (130M) & 015-H15-L14-J8-J6-H4-H2-I2-I1-K3-K11-I17 (340M). Pay dividends (RTE +235M, Vdz +235M); price revives to A166.

HE: Lays Tile #23 in F8(ne). Run H20-E21-E19-B16-B14-B12-C11-F6-G5-H4-I3-J8 (350M). Pay dividend (CCH +350M); price rebounds to C110.

WT: Lays Tile #219 in K11(sel). Lay token in J6 (170M-60 = 110M). Run I19-N10-N12-015 (120M) & 015-H15-L14-J8-J6-H4-H2-I2-I1-K3-K11-I17 (340M). Pay dividends (RTE +322M, CCH +92M, DBC +46M); price moves to C92.

MS: Run C11-F6-G5-G3-H2-13 (250M). Pay dividend (DBC +250M); price to E90.

OL: Lay Tile #63 in D8(w). Run D6-D8-C7-C11-B12-B14-B16-E19 (300M). Pay dividend (Vdz +\$180); price returns to E80.

Due next time are orders for OR 10.3 which ought to exhaust the Bank and end the game. If not, DBC has *der Zug*.

**Player Status:** (\* denotes at certificate limit)

Chuck Hanna (CCH): 4074M, 10 BA(Dir), 2 WT, 1C HE(Dir) \*

Rick Egtvedt (RTE): 940M, 5 BY(Dir), 7 WT(Dir), 3 PR \*

Don Chinnery (DBC): 2580M, 10 SK(Dir), 1 WT, 1C MS(Dir) \* *<Der Zug>*

John Butitta (Volksdampfzug = Vdz): 1310M, 5 BY, 7 PR(Dir), 6 OL(Dir) \*

**Corporation Status:**

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Cash	Trains	Tokens
SK	C236	0	0	1	5,5+	0
PR	C216	0	0	570	6,6+	0
BA	C190	0	0	0	45	0
BY	A166	0	0	2	4,6+	1

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Instrument: BY didn't lay a token in JS. Final stats for BY & SX were in error.

**Spielderstellung:** (Aktienlimit = 9)

Tsuk: 132M, #1, Hann, 1 BY  
 Butitta (LG): 62M, L-0, 3 SX(Dir), #5  
 Chinnery: 115M, NF, 3 BY  
 Hanna: 67M, #2, #6, 1 SX  
 Früh: 74M, #4, Braun, 1 BY  
 Farrow: 108M, 3 BY(Dir), OB <der Zug>  
 Zieske: 121M, #3, PB, 2 BY

**Besellschaftsstellung:**

Name	Wert	Kartell	Bank	Geld	Zuge	Token
#1	---	---	---	40	2	0
#2	---	---	---	75	2	0
#3	---	---	---	40	2	0
#4	---	---	---	45	22	0
#5	---	---	---	50	2	0
#6	---	---	---	60	2	0
BY	8108	0	0	530	22,2+	3
SX	088	0	6	(352)	---	3

**Minerunde 4**

Farrow passiert. Zieske kauft 1 SX (121M-88 = 33M). SX operiert!

Tsuk kauft 1 SX (132M-88 = 44M).

LG passiert. Chinnery kauft 1 SX (113M-88 = 23M).

Hanna & Früh passieren. Farrow kauft 1 SX (108M-88 = 20M).

Allen passieren.

**Betriebsrunde 4**

Die Privatbahnen bezahlt 5M zu Chinnery, 10 M zu Farrow, 15M zu Zieske, 20M zu LG, 25M zu Früh, und 30M zu Tsuk.

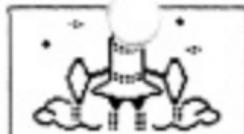
#1: Liegt #58 in K3(sw). Rennt H2-H4 (40M). Bezahlit (#1 +20M, MT +20M).  
 #2: Liegt #58 in B14(e). Rennt C11-E19 (70M). Bezahlit (#2 +35M, CCH +35M).  
 #3: Liegt #7 in D10(ne). Rennt C11-F14 (60M). Bezahlit (#3 +30M, PZ +30M).  
 #4: Liegt #8 in F8(ne). Rennt G5-F6 (30M) und G5-F4 (30M). Bezahlit (#4 +30M, MMF +30M).  
 #5: Rennt E19-C21 (50M). Bezahlit (#5 +25M, LG +25M).  
 #6: Liegt #4 in B16(w). Rennt C11-A11 (60M). Bezahlit (#6 +30M, CCH +30M).  
 BY: Liegt #8 in O13(e), #6 in N11(w). Rennt N11-O15 (50M), O15-M15 (40M) & JS-K11-L14-M15 (90M). Bezahlit (DF +54M, DC +54M, PZ +36M, MT +18M, MMF +18M); die Preis geht zu B120.  
 SX: ???

Ich nötig habe für Ordnungen für SX in die Betriebsrunde 4 und Ordnungen für Aktienrunde 5. Zieske hat den Zug. Nur SX Aktien sind verfügbar bis SX ist ausverkauft, denn BA und PR verfügbar sind.

**Spielderstellung:** (Aktienlimit = 9)

Tsuk: 112M, #1, Hann, 1 BY, 1 SX  
 Butitta (LG): 107M, L-0, 3 SX(Dir), #5  
 Chinnery: 84M, NF, 3 BY, 1 SX  
 Hanna: 132M, #2, #6, 1 SX  
 Früh: 147M, #4, Braun, 1 BY  
 Farrow: 84M, 3 BY(Dir), OB, 1 SX  
 Zieske: 114M, #3, PB, 2 BY, 1 SX <der Zug>

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## STELLAR CONQUEST

### GAME STATE



The games are presently awaiting:

FLESH GORDON--Combat orders for Turn 25.

SIMON WAGSTAFF--Combat orders for Turn 29.

GOLAN TREVIZE--Production for Turn 32 and orders for Turns 32-36.

Please expedite your orders. The time you save is only your own.

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### Quantum Mechanical Diplomacy

A DIP Variant by T. Walker, W. Heisenberg, M. Planck, et al.

1.0 The standard rules of DIPLOMACY apply unless otherwise stated.

1.1 The standard laws of physics apply (using the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum events even though many worlds is better because we haven't got an infinite number of parallel boards) unless otherwise stated.

2.0 Each power starts with their choice of the following particles in their home ~~sat~~ (or modes of vibration in the matter/antimatter field), with the restriction that at least one fermion and one boson is taken, and that Russia may not take fermion STP (inc). The particles are similar to units in standard DIPLOMACY.

2.1 Fermions may only exist in "sea" provinces, as they have Fermi statistics (fractional spin quantum number). Bosons may only exist in land provinces, as they have Einstein-Bose statistics (integral spin quantum numbers). Coastal provinces have variable statistics so either particle type can occupy

3.0 MOVEMENT: In accordance with Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, the location of the units is represented by a probability wave. In accordance with our aim of keeping this variant simple, we will abstract this to the following system:

Each particle has a 50% chance of being in the province it is placed in. It has  $(50/n)\%$  chance of being in one of the  $n$  adjacent provinces. If at any time there is a chance of two particles being in the same province, the probability wave will collapse and the precise position of the particle will be determined by the GM, using decimal dice and the above formula. Specifically, each turn the GM will process all the order with the assumption that they would have succeeded. He will then check to see if any probability wave functions overlap. This will occur if units are within two provinces of each other (example: units in GER and TRL will have their wave functions overlap in MUN). The GM will then collapse the wave functions of the particles. If after collapsing, the particles are in the same province, a normal stand off is assumed to occur, with the particles with most supports/strengths getting in. The GM will determine the position of each unit that has an uncollapsed wave function using decimal dice.

3.1 If a unit has moved further than is theoretically possible due to the collapse of a wave function, the law of relativity will come into play and the unit will be double strength for that season only.

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Adapted slightly from the rules published in *Set Them Down Now*, #60. This is probably not a serious variant, but I'm looking into adding "quantum mechanical tunneling" of fermions from one coast to the other in BUL, SPA, and STP.

This could be a hoot. Any comments?

# DEIRE

## Emperor Wins at DRSI A New Atreideal Rexual



Citing a busier than anticipated schedule after moving to TN from laid-back FL, Hank Burkhalter has resigned as the Atreides player. The position belongs to the first person that wants it (including Hank if he reconsiders soon). Refer anyone interested to me soonest.

ERRATA: Emperor Fisher has asked how the Fremen could start at Habbanya Ridge Sletch. Well, er, they couldn't. Fremen movement is hereby amended: Place 2T in False Wall West, move 2T from Habbanya Erg to Habbanya Ridge Sletch.

ATREIDES: (Burkhalter) 3C, 4S, 7T in Arrakeen, 2T in Wind Pass North, 3T in Polar Sink.

BENE GESSERIT: (Bodkin) 2C, 2S, 4T in Habbanya Ridge Sletch, 1T each in Arrakeen, Carthag, Tuck's Sletch, & Shield Wall(s8).

EMPEROR: (R. Fisher) 4C, 19S, 8T in Habbanya Ridge Sletch, 2T in Shield Wall (s8).

FREMEN: (Morrison) 4C, 2S, 3T & 1\* in Sletch Tabr, 2T in False Wall West(s16), 2T in False Wall South, 2T in Habbanya Erg, 2T in Habbanya Ridge Sletch.

GUILD: (Tsuk) 2C, 19S, 11T in Tuck's Sletch.

HARKONNEN: (Klausutis) 6C, 2S, 10T in Carthag, 4T in Oh Gap

### TURN 2 (continued)

- Combat: E (@) w/8T plays Cpt Aramsham, 5T, 5S, Ellaca Drug, and Baliset, dialing S, F with 2T plays Shadow Mapes, 2S, and Crysknife, dialing 2. Both leaders are killed; E wins 5-2, collects 6S, and discards Baliset.
- Spice Collection: A collects 2S for Arrakeen and 6S at Wind Pass North. H collects 2S for Carthag and 6S for Oh Gap, G collects 1S for Tuck's Sletch.

### TURN 3

- The Storm moves to Sector 1. F loses 1T in Habbanya Erg and A loses 2T in Wind Pass North. It will next move to Sector \_\_\_\_.
- The spice blows are at Haggas Basin (6) and Broken Land (8). But first a Worm appears at Oh Gap and munches on 4T there. We have a nexus.
- Bidding: B & F receive 2S in CHDAM charity. There are 6 cards available.

Due next time are any alliances, and orders for the Bidding, Revival, and Shipping, and Movement phases. Conditional orders based on which, if any alliances are formed are welcomed.

LEGEND: \* = starred token, @ = aggressor, A = Atreides, B = Bene Gesserit, C = card, E = Emperor, F = Fremen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, KH = Kwitzach Haderach, S = spice, s# = sector #, T = token.

ATREIDES: (777) 3C, 12S, 7T in Arrakeen, 2T in Wind Pass North, 3T in Polar Sink.

BENE GESSERIT: (Bodkin) 2C, 4S, 4T in Habbanya Ridge Sletch, 1T each in Arrakeen, Carthag, Tuck's Sletch, & Shield Wall(s8).

EMPEROR: (R. Fisher) 3C, 22S, 3T in Habbanya Ridge Sletch, 2T in Shield Wall (s8).

FREMEN: (Morrison) 3C, 3S, 3T & 1\* in Sletch Tabr, 2T in False Wall West(s16), 2T in False Wall South, 1T in Habbanya Ridge Flat.

GUILD: (Tsuk) 2C, 20S, 11T in Tuck's Sletch.

HARKONNEN: (Klausutis) 6C, 16S, 10T in Carthag.

TANKS: A 2T, E 5T, F 3T, H 4T, Cpt Aramsham, S. Mapes

### PRESS:

The Fremen are not afraid to die as long as we can take someone to Hell with us!

Wanted: Successor to Duke Leto. Start immediately. Experience a plus, but not required. Apply to Ms Nar, this address. Spice bribes accepted.



# MAGIC REALM

## BART & CO. THWACK GUARD!



### The Cast

John Butitta: Moondoggie the Sorcerer (Bushytail, Misty)  
 Scott Cameron: "Black Bart" the Black Knight  
 Don Chinnery: "Scitch" the Witch King (Ribbit Silky)  
 Dan Farrow: "Woolly" the optional Wizard  
 Marcel Carbonneau: "Amber Rose" the Amazon  
 Richard Price: "Sir Jordan" the White Knight  
 Jack Shacklett: "Fang Gulfwulf" the Berserker

**ERROR:** The Crone should have appeared to the Large Campfire with the Bashkars after Scitch's turn. Rule 31.3 prevents the Quest chit from appearing.

### EVENING 19

**Monster Roll = 5**

Woolly buys drinks (-3G) for the Guard, then T(2,1 = x1), and buys a treasure for 6G and his axe.

After hours of hard bargaining, Scitch fails to make a deal for a pony (5,1 = x4).

Sir Jordan & Woolly grade technique as Black Bart and the Company take on the Guard. First C2 (Carl) lures GHG (George), C3 (Casimir) lures G1 (Gregor) and C4 (Cyril) lures G2 (Gabe). C6 (Curly), C5 (Cecil), and Bart join in the fun. George swings T4\* at Carl while dodging 6; Carl counters by thrusting H6 and charging 4; Curly fires H1 (5,3 → L1), pinging off George's armor. George and Carl miss each other. Meanwhile, Gregor smashes H5\* at Casimir while dodging 5; Casimir responds by swinging H6 and dodging 4 and Cecil thrusts T4, skewering Gregor. Death enfolds Gregor. Gabe smashes H5\* at Cyril and ducks 5. Cyril also smashes H6\* and ducks 4, while Bart thrusts H3 with his alerted mace. Cyril's pike splits Gabe asunder before either the swordsman's or Bart's blows can score. Gabe too is gathered by the Destroyer of All Things. Bart's mace remains alerted.

Deprived of his prize, Bart calls off Carl and Curly and challenges George to one-on-one. George, noticing that it would be 8-1 otherwise, readily agrees. The two champions eye each other warily for a few seconds. George launches a mighty smash T4\* while ducking 6, but Bart is too quick, smashing H3 and charging H6. George too begins the trip to Pluto's Desmesne. Bart gets 18N & 12G.

### DAY 20

**Monster Roll = 8**

Fang & R7 @ HV2: H(6,5 = n), M M12, M Mt5, M Mt5, R; reveal RUINS M, FLUTTER 2.

Woolly @ Guard: H(4,3 = y), A(MAGIC IV3\*), S(Lt 6,2 = n), S(Lt 4,4 = mace).

Black Bart w/C1-C7 @ Guard: S(Lt 5,5 = n), S(Lt 4,3 = n), MBL 1, M MW4; reveal DANK W.

Sir Jordan @ Guard: S(Lt 2,1 = axe), S(Lt 5,5 = n), S(Lt 4,3 = n), S(Lt 5,4 = n), R.

Moondoggie @ Cr3: R(MAGIC IV3), R(MAGIC IV3), SPX, SP(transform MAGIC IV3\* to PURPLE), SP(transform MAGIC IV3\* to PURPLE); reveal BONES V.

Charlemagne (CHQ) @ Guard: S(Lt 3,3 = n), S(Lt 4,1 = n), MBL 1, M MW4.

Scitch @ LWS: R(MAGIC IV3\*), play BLACK to become spider, S(Lt 2,1 = spear), S(Lt 6,5 = n), S(Lt 6,2 = n)

Amber Rose @ Inn: S(Lt 6,3 = n), S(Lt 5,2 = n), S(Lt 4,2 = n), S(Lt 6,4 = n)

**COMBAT:** Sir Jordan vs Woolly at DV5? Amber Rose has Trouble (6,4) with the Rogues, but smooths things over (3,3 = nd).

**DEAD PILE:** The Patrol, R4, T Giant, T Troll, 2 H Spiders, 1 bat, 2 ghosts, 2 workhorses, the Lancers, the Guard.

**BOARD NOTES:** A T Demon at Cr1, a sixpack of axe-goblins at BL2, a sixpack of spear-goblins at BL5, and a sixpack of sword-goblins at Cn1. Three horses are abandoned at BY5. There is a short sword abandoned at Ru2. The Vault is open

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# THE BOURSE

MARK CRASHES!  
Winter 1904/05



The Bourse is a game of foreign exchange. Each player starts out with \$1000 American and can invest it in the currencies of the European Great Powers. Each unit of European currency costs its current number of supply centers in dollars. This game is pegged to the results of BORIS VI (on page 3). The game is open to all but players in BORIS VI. Players can buy and sell currencies freely except after a Spring turn (the Bourse is closed to prevent panic selling and rampant speculation). Of course the player with the best net worth at game's end will be the winner.

#### THIS SEASON'S ACTION:

RETW (\$0) sells 1 lire (+\$3) and 66 pounds (+\$396), buys 32 rubles (-\$352) and 2 kroner (-\$20).

CCH (\$3) sells 266 lire (+\$796) and buys 80 kroner (-\$800).

Kroner @ 10, Pound @ 6, Franc @ 4, Mark @ 0, Lira @ 3, Ruble @ 11, Dinar @ 0.

Company	\$	Kroner	Pounds	Francs	Lire	Rubles	Value
RVE	1	153	0	0	0	150	\$1181
NEWBOT	4	192	0	0	0	74	\$2738
PRB	0	0	1	0	0	220	\$2426
RF	0	50	70	0	0	100	\$2220
RETW	25	0	64	0	1	162	\$2106
WOMEX	1	0	333	0	0	0	\$1999
FROG	0	0	175	0	0	50	\$1600
MT	0	0	0	0	345	0	\$1035
CCH	1	80	0	0	0	0	\$801

LEGEND: CCH = Corporation for Currency Holding, FROG = Federal Reserve Option and Guarantee, NEWBOT = Neenah World Board of Trade, PRB = People's Revolutionary Bank, RETW = Retired Wayne, RVE = RV Exchange, WOMEX = Wordelmann's Monetary Exchange

The Bourse is open this Season.

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#### --MAGIC REALM (continued from previous page)

and still has two treasures therein. A treasure and a horse are abandoned at the Guard. BL, PW, and LW are enchanted. All the Rogues are available for hire except R4 and R7. Bashkars, the Crone, two spears, a treasure, and the Quest are at LCF @ LWS.

#### PRESS:

Hoondoggie: "I ain't afraid of no ghosts!"

Boris to Selenic Canine: Sure you're not. They revive tomorrow when you're Mist.

These Guards sure know how to party! Look at the crowd that showed up. I wonder how many are gate crashers...

Is there a holy person and/or Ruling type person to dedicate DVS (the Guard House) as a cemetery and/or war memorial? Thank you Black Bart and Sir Jordan from the other adventurers in MR for the free pickings to be had in DVS. ---Amber Rose et al

GM to Amber Rose: You can sell any horse you find to the Rogues.

**---GREE GOOD (Continued from p 4)**

NYC: Lay ...e #43 in C19(se). Run H15-H18N-G19S-G17-G19N (\$280). Pay dividends (PZ +\$168, TRC +\$56, NYC +\$28, MT +\$28); price rises to D130b.

CP: Run G19S-G17-G19N-F20-F22-E23 (\$270). Pay dividends (MT +\$162, WMM +\$81, PZ +\$27); price goes to A126.

ERIE: Lay Tile #46 in E17(sw). Play token in F22 (\$205-40 = \$165). Run D10-E11-D14-E19 (\$160) & G19S-G17-E19-F22-F20-G19N (\$250). Pay dividends (WMM +\$246, TRC +\$164), so price surges to B112.

PA: Lay Tile #57 in F16(e) (\$185-120 = \$65). Play token in F15 (\$68-40 = \$28). Run F2-H4-H10-H12-J14-H15 (\$240). Pay dividends (GK +\$144, PA +\$24, WM +\$24, PZ +\$24); price climbs to F75.

C&O: Lay Tile #15 in F16(e). Run K13-J14-H10-G7-F6-H4-G7-F10-E11S-E19-B16-A11 (\$390). Pay dividends (GK +\$234, WM +\$78, PZ +\$39), so price returns to E67.

Due next time are orders for SR 9 and OR 9.1. Zieske has the Priority

**PLAYER STATUS: (\* indicates at certificate limit of 11)**

Zieske: \$2128, 1 NYNH&H, 1 PA, 6 NYC(Prez), 1 B&O, 1 B&M, 1 CP, 1 C&O\*  
Priority

Harrison: \$1089, 1 PA, 3 CP(YP), 6 Erie(Prez), 2 C&O\*

Tsuk: \$1715, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 6 CP(Prez) 1 NYC \*

Kuntz: \$705, 6 PA(Prez), 6 C&O(Prez)

Paffenberger (G&D): \$1086, 4 B&O(YP), 6 B&M(Prez), 2 NYNH&H(YP)\*

Chinnery (TRC) \$1944, 5 B&O(Prez), 2 NYC(YP), 4 Erie(YP), 1 NYNH&H \*

**CORPORATION STATUS:**

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A350	0	0	n/a	\$120	5	0
NYNH&H	C140	0	0	n/a	\$60	0	0
B&M	D130b	3	0	n/a	\$216	0	0
NYC	D130b	1	0	n/a	\$115	5	2
CP	A126	0	0	n/a	\$80	6	2
Erie	B112	0	0	n/a	\$165	56	2
PA	F75	1	1	\$76	\$72	6	3
C&O	E67	0	1	\$82	\$320	0	2

**TRAINS AVAILABLE: DOD**

The Bank has \$2,185.

**--1835 (aus Seite 7)****Gesellschaftsstellung:**

Name	Wert	Kantell	Bank	Geld	Zuge	Token
#1	---	---	---	60	2	0
#2	---	---	---	110	2	0
#3	---	---	---	70	2	0
#4	---	---	---	75	22	0
#5	---	---	---	100	2	0
#6	---	---	---	90	2	0
BY	B120	0	0	530	22,2*	3
SX	D88	0	2	616	---	3

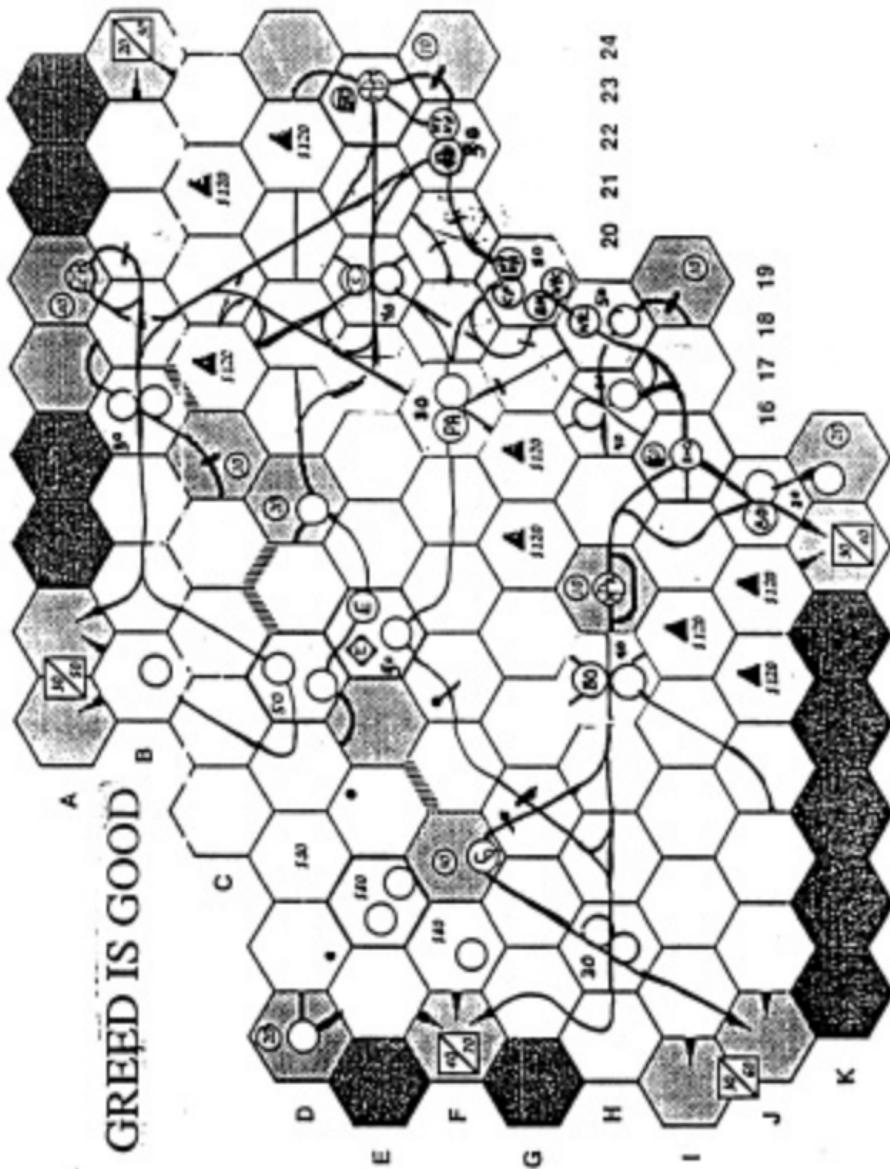
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Die Bank hat 9,475M.

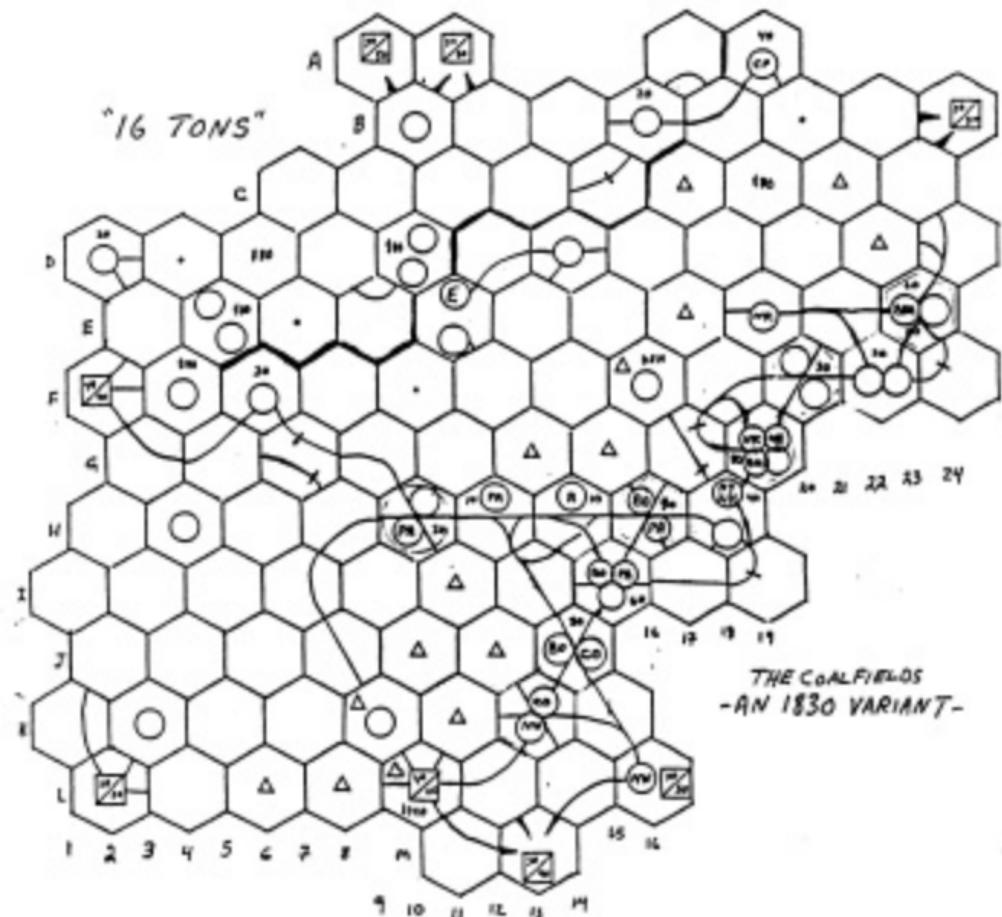
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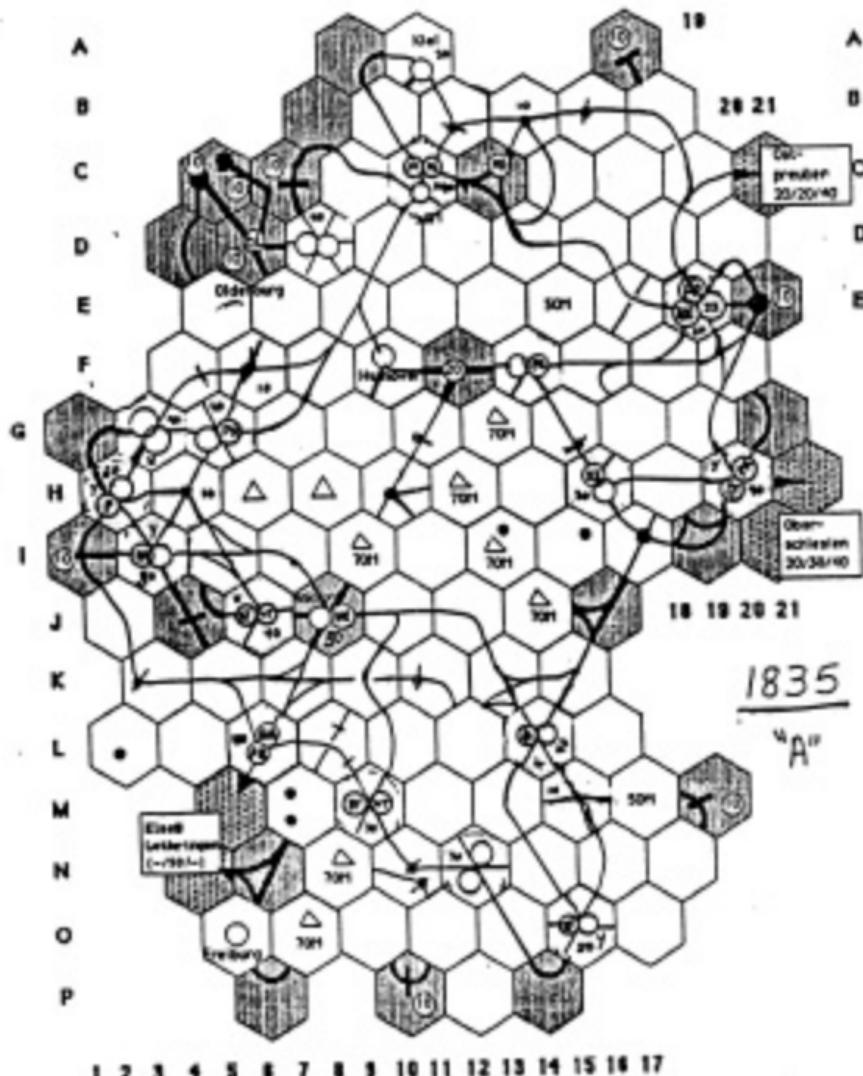
Coming soon! "Boris's Handy-Dandy German-English Dictionary"

For those of you who don't "verstehen" German, I need SX's orders for OR4 and everyone's orders for SR 5. Orders for OR 5 would be nice too.



TILES AVAILABLE: #3(1), #4(2), #7(2), #8(2), #9(0), #16(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(0), #23(1), #24(3), #25(0), #26(1), #27(1), #29(1), #40(1), #41(2), #42(1), #43(1), #46(1), #57(4), #58(1), #59(2), #66(1), #68(1), #70(1)



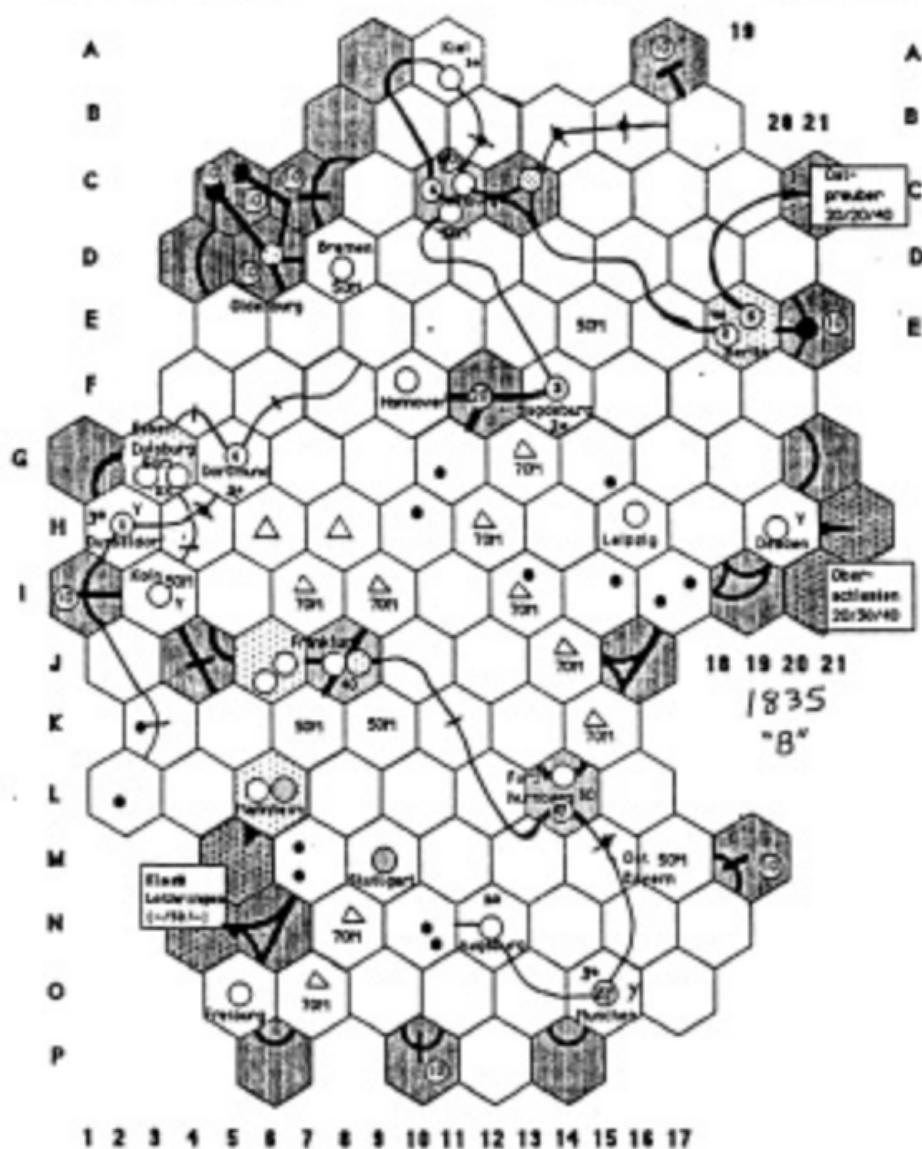


HE	C110	0	0	0	6+	0
WT	C100	0	0	10	6+	0
MS	E90	0	0	23	6	0
OL	E80	0	4	0	4+	1

Wärmeübertragung: none.

The Bank has 2,490M.

Wärmeübertragung: #2(1), #3(2), #5(3), #6(3), #7(7), #8(5), #9(6), #12(1), #13(1), #16(2), #18(1), #19(0), #20(2), #23(0), #24(1), #25(2), #26(1), #27(1), #28(2), #29(1), #39(1), #40(1), #41(2), #42(2), #44(2), #45(2), #46(1), #55(1), #56(1), #57(2), #58(1), #63(1), #69(1), #70(1), #203(1), #205(1), #206(1), #217(2)



# Newsletter #1 ON DipCon XVII

*DipCon XVII  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
May 27-29, 1994*

The Carolina Amateur Diplomats will again host DipCon in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in conjunction with the regional gaming convention DixieCon. DipCon is the North American Diplomacy Championships, a tournament which rotates among various sites in North America every year. DixieCon was the DipCon site in 1990, when the event drew its largest field of Diplomacy players since 1983. This year's event promises to be another outstanding Diplomacy tournament as participants from around North America and beyond travel to Dixie for the chance to become the 1994 North American Diplomacy Champion.

Of course, DipCon isn't just about playing Dip with the best players in the country. It's also about meeting hobbyists for the first time, seeing old friends, and partaking of the many side-events, including past DixieCon favorites such as Titan, 1830, United, Miniatures, Diplomacy variants, and others, both in tournament and open-gaming formats.

Below is a list of DixieCon/DipCon staff members, and the functions they are likely to perform. Early registrants will receive future DipCon News letters as they come up, with information such as tournament schedules, expected participants, scoring systems, travel aids, and other news on the upcoming event. Contact David Hood now to put your name on that mailing list.

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***Don't Miss This Exciting Event!***

Contact David Hood at 2985 28th Street NE, Hickory, NC, 28681

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, May 27, 1993

10:00 to 5:00 Pax Britannica Event (For early arrivals)  
5:00 to 6:00 Registration and Check-In  
6:00 to 12:00 Diplomacy Round One  
Titan/1830 Events Begin  
Ancient and Naval Miniatures Events

## Saturday, May 28, 1993

9:30 to 5:00 Diplomacy Round Two (Doubles as Team Tournament)  
United Event Begins  
History of the World Event Begins (Tentative)  
5:00 to 6:00 Barbeque  
6:00 to 12:00 Diplomacy Round Three  
Variant Diplomacy Event  
Civil War Miniatures Event

## Sunday, May 29, 1993

8:30 to 9:30 Dipcon Society Meeting  
9:30 to 6:00 Diplomacy Round Four (Ends between 4:00 and 6:00)  
Final Boards - Titan and 1830 Events  
6:00 to Whenever Open Gaming

### Notes:

- Dip games have no set ending time except for Round Four, which ends at a time between 4:00 and 6:00 known to the GM but not the players.
- You must play at least two Dip rounds to be eligible for awards. The scoring system to be used will be outlined in a later Newsletter.
- Titan and 1830 events consist of unlimited qualifying rounds for a final board on Sunday. United is a tournament played while you are playing other games on Saturday. Other event formats are TBA.
- Travel: fly into Raleigh-Durham International, we will provide free shuttles from there and the train station. Directions for driving to Carmichael Hall, the site of the Con. will be sent to registrants.
- Fees: \$15 to register for all events, \$15 per night to stay in the dorm per person to share a room (double if you don't want to). A form will be provided with a subsequent Newsletter.
- Participants: 55 people attended last year's DixieCon. Others confirmed or expected include: Larry Peery, Andy Marshall, Robert Sacks, Jack McHugh, Buz Eddy, Richard Weiss, Tom Johnston, Brad Wilson, Morgan Garley, Robin Barbeheen, and Scott Cameron. A more complete list will be published in the next Newsletter.

**On Deck**

1830: Butitta, Chinney, R. Fisher, Hennes, and Quist signed up. Alternates Mary, Fresh, Taek & Woldemann.

1835: Chinney & Quist signed up. Chinney and Farrow signed up for any variant. Alternates Fresh, Egtvedt, Taek & Woldemann.

**DIPLOMACY:** Egtvedt, R. Fisher, & Fryling signed up. Alternates Ford, Franz, Fresh, Hennies, Seeler, Taek, Wilson.

**KREMLIN:** R. Fisher.

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